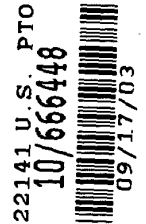


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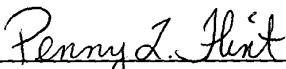
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Title: **NAIL LOCKOUT ASSEMBLY**

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

I hereby certify that this Nonprovisional Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date, September 17, 2003 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee", Mailing Label N° EV 303 409 265 US, with sufficient postage, addressed to: MS Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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1. Type of Application

This is a Nonprovisional Application.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. § 119(e))

| <u>USSN</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Inventor(s)</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| 60/411,563 | 09/18/02 | Phillips, et al. | Pending |
| 60/471,641 | 05/19/03 | Schnell, et al. | Pending |

3. Papers Enclosed That Are Required for Filing Date under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. §1.153 (Design) Application

Nineteen (19) Pages of Specification;

Eight (8) Pages of Claims;

One (1) Page of Abstract; and

Seven (7) Sheets of Drawing Figures.

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) is attached.

5. Declaration or Oath

Signed Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are the same.

7. Language

English.

8. Assignment

Signed Assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet are attached.

9. Certified Copy

None are required.

10. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

BASIC FEE

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| Standard Fee | \$750.00 | \$750.00 |
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EXCESS CLAIM FEE

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11. **Small Entity Status**-Applicant **does not** request small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

12. **Request for International - Type Search (37 C.F.R. §1.104(d))**

None required.

13. **Authorization to Charge Fees**

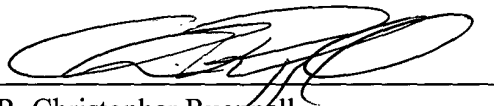
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fees of **\$1,246.00** to Deposit Account N° 19-4882. Please charge any underpayments related to this filing or credit any excess to Deposit Account N° 19-4882. A copy of this *Transmittal* is enclosed for accounting purposes only.

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**